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Crack (weld)	A crack located in the weld metal or heat affected zone.	None Albwed.  1 Weld metal crack 2 Heat-affected-zone crack 3 Base metal crack 4 Crater crack	Undercut (continued)	A groove melted into the base metal adjacent to the weld toe or weld root and left unfilled by weld metal.	2. Base metal is greater than 0.25 inch in thickness: a. Maximum depth of undercut shall be 1/32 inch b. Undercut must have a width no less than twice the depth, i.e., the undercut condition shall not create a notch in the undercut member. c. The length of undercut shall not exceed two inches cumulative in any continuous 14 inch length of weld. For continuous welds less than 24 inches in length, the
Overlap	The protrusion of weld metal beyond the weld toe or weld root.	The overlap condition shall not exceed 10% of the total weld length.  Overlap  Overlap		Undercut	maximum cumulative length shall be in direct proportion to this limit or one inch whichever is greater. (Example: for an eight inch continuous length of weld, maximum cumulative allowable undercut length is one inch.) d. Melting of base metal on edges of material is not considered to be undercut. It is acceptable provided:  (1) Weld seam meets the minimum size.  (2) Melting does not exceed 10% thickness for 10% of weld length.  (3) Melting of comers is not considered to be undercut.
Contamination (porosity)	Cavity type discontinunities formed by gas entrapment during	Maximum pore size shall be 1/16 inch diameter.      Welds more than 12 inch long: There shall be no more than six pores for any twelve inch length of weld.			Melting shall not exceed 25% of material thickness
	solidifacation or in a thermal spray deposit.	Welds less than 12 inch long: There shall be proportionately less pores allowed (Example: A maximum of six pores for six inches of weld.)  Saw cut through weld	Coldweld	Weld metal obes not penetrate the base metal	None allowed.  Poor Penetration Cold Weld  Good Penetration
		Slag inclusion	Underfill	The surface of the weld metal is below the surface of the base metal	Base metal 0.25 inch and less in thickness:     The maximum depth of underfill shall be no greater than 10% of the material thickness. The length of the undercut shall not exceed 10% of the weld length provided the weld seam meets minimum size.
Undercut	A groove melted into the base metal adjacent to the weld toe or weld root and left unfilled by weld metal.	1. Base metals 0.25 inch and less in thickness: a. The maximum depth of undercut shall be no greater than 10% of the material thickness which has the undercut, the length of the undercut shall not exceed 10% of weld length provided the weld seam meets minimum size. b. Maximum width of an undercut shall not exceed twice the depth. c. Melting of base metal on edges of material is not considered to be undercut. It is acceptable provided: (1) Weld seam meets the minimum size. (2) Melting does not exceed 10% thickness for 10% of weld length.  (3) Melting of comers is not considered to be undercut.		Underfill Underfill	2. Base metal greater than 0.25 inch thickness: a. Maximum depth of underfill shall be 1/32 inch. b. The length of the underfill shall not exceed two inches cumulative in any continuous 24 inch length of weld. For continuous welds less than 24 inches in length, the maximum cumulative length shall be in direct proportion to this limit or one inch, whichever is greater. (Example: for an eight inch continuous length of weld, maximum cumulative allowable underfill length is one inch.